(ix) Action has also been initiated for placement of Associate Professors to the scale of Rs. 4500-5700 on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness. Action is being pursued to amend the existing provisions of CHS Rules, 1982.

(x) Demands for higher start and three time-bound promotions have been referred for consideration of Group of Ministers.

(e) The benefits of N.P.A. are effective from 1.1.1986. Conveyance allowance to staff who are already eligible is from 1.10.1986 and for *new* categories of staff, from 1.7.1987. The benefits of Annual Allowance is to take effect from 1.7.1987. It was made clear in the package offered that all the promotions will be with prospective effect.

Vayudoot service between Nagarjuna Sagar and Hyderabad

3470. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION 'be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a proposal to introduce Vayudoot service between Nagarjuna Sagar and Hyderabad sometime back; and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINTSTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINSTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURTSM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) While requests for operating a Vayudoot service between Hyderabad and Nagarjuna Sagar have been received, in view of the paucity of aircraft capacity with Vayudoot, the poor condition of the existing airstrip and the absence of other infrastructure at Nagarjuna Sagar, there is no proposal to introduce this service at this stage.

Introduction Of package tour to Japan and East Germany from Hyderabad

3471. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government submitted a proposal to introduce package tours to Japan and East Germany from Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the proposal was approved by the Central Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Constitution of State Transport Appellate Tribunal by Andhra Pradesh

3472. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government proposed to reconstitute the State Transport Appellate Tri-bunal with three members to safeguaid the interest of the State through Departmental members:

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal;

(c) whether the Central Government accepted that proposal: and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sil.

(b) to (d) Section 64(2) of the M.V. Act, 1939 empowers the State Government to constitute State Transport Appellate Tribunal, consisting of a Judicial Officer not below the rank of a District Judge to hear appeal filed against decision of the State Transport Authority and Regional Transport Authority.

The State Government of A. P. 1981-82 had proposed amendment to section 64(2) suggesting idditional inclusion of a Officer of the Transport Department